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Title:	Composition and Process for the Treatment of Metal Surfaces	

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DECLARATION OF GERALD WOJCIK

I, Gerald Wojcik, hereby declare the following:

1. I am an inventor of the invention described in the above noted patent application.
2. I have been employed by MacDermid, Incorporated for the last 10 years.
3. I have a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, an M.S. degree in Chemistry from St. Joseph College, and a Ph.D. from Michigan Tech.
4. I understand that the Examiner has rejected the claims of my patent application as being obvious over U.S. 5,449,415 (Dolan) in view of U.S. 6,419,731 (Inbe).
5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are copies of 5 pages from one of my laboratory notebooks. Although the actual dates have been removed from the pages

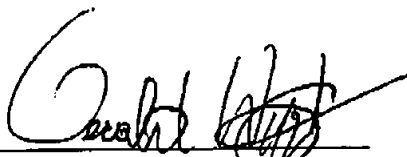
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attached, I hereby declare that each of the pages attached are dated prior to April 20, 2000.

6. The pages attached hereto as Exhibit A demonstrate conception and reduction to practice of my invention, as currently claimed in this patent application, in this country prior to April 20, 2000. Specifically Exhibit A demonstrates various compensations comprising hexafluorozirconic acid, sodium tungstate and aluminum ions as a surface treatment for aluminum.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.


Gerald Wojcik